

Chambers of Chief Bankruptcy Judge Steven W. Rhodes

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Steven W. Rhodes
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1948
Education: Purdue 1970 BS; Michigan 1972 JD
Began Service: March 22, 1985
Term Expires: March 21, 2013

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable John Feikens, United States District Court for the District of Michigan (1973)

Government: Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of Michigan, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1974-1977)

Judicial: Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan (1981-1985); Chief Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Sixth Circuit; Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Sixth Circuit (2003)

Legal Practice: August, Thompson, Sherr & Miller (1977-1978); Kelley & Rhodes (1978-1981)

Current Memberships: Federal Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; State Bar of Michigan

Staff

Law Clerk **Kelli Blythe Dexter** (313) 234-0022
Education: Wayne State 1996 JD
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Education: Wayne State 1994 JD
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Marci B. McIvor
Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: 2003
Term Expires: March 14, 2017

Staff

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Phillip J. Shefferly
Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: 2003

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Education: Wayne State 1988 JD
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Thomas J. Tucker
Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: March 21, 2003

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Walter Shapero

Bankruptcy Judge (recalled)

Date of Birth: 1930
Education: Michigan 1951 AB; Virginia 1954 LLB
Began Service: July 15, 2002

Clerkships: Law Clerk, Michigan Supreme Court (1954-1956)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Detroit Bar Association; Michigan State Bar; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

Staff

Law Clerk **Melissa Kuptz** (313) 234-2642
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Daniel S. Opperman
Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: July 2006
Term Expires: July 2020

Legal Practice: Attorney, Braun Kendrick Finkbeiner P.L.C.

Staff

Courtroom Deputy **Terese Dear** (810) 235-2039
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**Robert Holmes Bell**
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1944
Education: Wheaton (IL) 1966 BA;
Wayne State 1969 JD
Began Service: August 6, 1987
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Academic: Adjunct Professor, Thomas M. Cooley Law School

Government: Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, State of Michigan (1969-1973)

Judicial: Judge, Michigan District Court, 55th Judicial Court (1973-1979); Judge, Michigan Circuit Court, 30th Judicial Circuit (1979-1987)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1970-1972)

Current Memberships: American Judicature Society; Christian Legal Society; District Judges' Association of the Sixth Circuit, President; Federal Bar Association, Western District of Michigan Chapter; Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies; State Bar of Michigan

Staff

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Education: Hope 1977 BS;
Western New England 1981 JD
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Gordon J. Quist
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1937
Education: Michigan State 1959 BA; George Washington 1962 JD
Began Service: August 28, 1992
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Legal Practice: Hollabaugh & Jacobs (1962-1964); Sonnenschein, Levinson, Carlin, Rosenthal, & Nath (1964-1966); Miller, Johnson, Snell & Cumiskey (1967-1992); Managing Partner, Miller, Johnson, Snell & Cumiskey (1986-1992)

Current Memberships: American Judicature Society; Michigan State Bar Foundation

Staff

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Wendell A. Miles
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1916
Education: Hope 1938 BA; Wyoming 1939 MA; Michigan 1942 JD
Began Service: 1974
Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon

Academic: Instructor, Hope College (1948-1953); Instructor, American Institute of Banking (1954-1959)

Government: Prosecuting Attorney, State of Michigan (1949-1953); United States Attorney, Western District of Michigan, United States Department of Justice (1953-1960)

Judicial: Judge, Michigan Circuit Court, 20th Judicial Circuit (1970-1974); United States Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (1989-1996)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1948-1953); Partner, Miles, Mika, Meyers & Beckett (1961-1970)

Military Service: United States Army (1942-1947)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Federal Bar Association; Michigan State Bar Association; Ottawa County Bar Association; Twentieth Judicial Bar Association

Staff

Law Clerk **Lisa C. Ray** (616) 456-2314
Education: Drake 1984 BA; Minnesota 1987 JD
Law Clerk **Carol Rowland** (616) 456-2314
Education: Michigan 1960 BS; DePaul 1991 JD
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Education: Michigan State 1973 BA